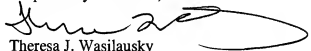


REMARKS

The Applicants hereby thank the Examiner for the observations in the Office Action mailed April 12, 2006. Claims 1-20 are currently pending. The Examiner allowed Claims 8-16; objected to Claims 6 and 7; and rejected Claims 1-5 and 17-20. In accordance with the Examiner's comments, Claim 6 has been amended to be independent and to incorporate all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claim. Claims 2-4 have been amended to now depend from Claim 6. As amended, Applicant believes Claim 6 and depending Claims 2-4, and 7 are now in a condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner of his objection.

Claims 1, 5 and 17-20 are herein cancelled, notwithstanding the Applicants belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications based on the above referenced application. Reconsideration of the present application in light of the foregoing amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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